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**From:** Laurie Lieberman <lieberman@hlkklaw.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 16, 2014 11:05 AM  
**To:** Huetteman, Tom  
**Cc:** Armann, Steve; Scott, Jeff  
**Subject:** FW: From my perspective you are an appalling person and should resign

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Dear Mr. Huetteman,

I very much appreciate the EPA's response to our situation, which we received on August 15, 2014. Meanwhile, we continue to receive emails like the one I am forwarding herein. I have responded to this person by sending him a copy of the EPA's letter to Superintendent Lyon, date stamped August 14, 2014 and signed by Jared Blumenfeld. However, I ask that you share this email with Mr. Blumenfeld and with other appropriate EPA officials. Please direct your attention to the highlighted portion of this email below as Mr. Kaufman continues to represent himself as an EPA official as he deliberately fuels the situation in our Malibu schools. He continues also to slander the Superintendent and me and uses his title to do so. Is this not of concern to the EPA?

On August 13, you sent our Superintendent the following statement for her use as appropriate:

**Hugh Kaufman is an employee in EPA's Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response. Mr. Kaufman's responsibilities at EPA do not include matters specific to PCBs. He does not represent EPA or speak for EPA on these matters. The comments he made regarding Malibu High School were in a personal, nonofficial capacity."**

Hugh Kaufman, an EPA employee, using his EPA title, regardless of what department he works in, has been stoking the fires in the Malibu community for many months, deliberately creating false impressions in the community regarding EPA science, activities and guidance. He continues to make misleading, vitriolic and arguably slanderous and libelous statements about the SMMUSD and about particular employees and elected officials. Please ask those who have the power within the EPA to take appropriate action in addition to allowing the District to use the above statement.

I respectfully request that the EPA consider what it can do to make clear to our community, to the news media and to our School Board that Mr. Kaufman does not speak for the EPA. While I do appreciate your sending the above statement so that we can use it "as appropriate," as you no doubt realize, it would be much more convincing if that statement came directly from the EPA to Malibu Unites and others in the Malibu community and their supporters rather than asking the School District to share it, as needed. Otherwise, the fact that the EPA considers Mr. Kaufman's comments to be in a "personal, nonofficial capacity," the use of his title and employment status continues to belie that statement, lending credence to his comments while simultaneously diminishing the significance of formal actions taken by the EPA.

Sincerely,

Laurie Lieberman  
Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District  
Member, Board of Education

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**From:** Dimitrios Papagiannis [<mailto:dir1@me.com>]

**Sent:** Saturday, August 16, 2014 1:52 AM

**To:** [llieberman@smmusd.org](mailto:llieberman@smmusd.org)

**Subject:** From my perspective you are an appalling person and should resign

I am completely and utterly disgusted with your attitude toward the health of the residents and children of the Malibu School District and recommend to the people of Malibu that you be dismissed from your position. You say that money is not your driving force behind your inaction. Then what is the problem? I believe the problem is you Ms. Lieberman. You are saying that your approach to the problem is correct yet you are not the scientist. Which is correct of course, you are a lawyer who is only looking out for the legal ramifications of what might be found.

Shame on you for using your litigious background as a defense mechanism to shame a mother in a public arena instead of offering solutions that will bring results (albeit ones that will make you look like the litigious rhetorical lowlife you are) and implement solutions that will keep the children safe.

I hope that when they find the real cause of what is wrong in the schools that you are brought before a jury and put behind bars for extreme negligence and receive the same treatment that anyone who would hurt the children of your district would deservedly receive.

"Ms. Lieberman is providing false and inaccurate information. The EPA PCB regulations don't even mention the air and wipe testing the SMMUSD is performing in the Malibu Schools."

- Hugh B. Kaufman EPA (Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response)

Sincerely,

Dimitrios Papagiannis